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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, CA (LIM, DRAHOSLAV)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EMIGRATION BY PROFESSOR DRAHOSLAV LIM
AND FAMILY TO THE US

SUMMARY

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY FAMILIAR WITH EVENTS RELATING PROFESSOR LIM'S ATTEMPTS TO EMIGRATE TO THE US. DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED NEW INQUIRIES ASKING WHAT STEPS USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE TO ASSIST LIM IN THESE EFFORTS. EMBASSY COMMENTS REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPIES OF MOST RECENT COMMUNICATIONS ON LIM CASE RECEIVED FROM DR. PAUL J. FLORY AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY. ENCLOSED WITH FLORY'S LETTER IS DETAILED HISTORY OF LIM'S FOUR-YEAR STINT AS EXCHANGE PROFESSOR AT STANFORD. POST MAY RECALL THAT LIM WAS CO-INVENTOR OF SOFT CONTACT LENS AND OTHER PROCESSES LICENSED FOR PRODUCTION IN THE WEST AND HAD VISITED US
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SEVERAL TIMES PREVIOUS TO 1970-74 RESIDENCE AT STANFORD.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING WHAT, IF ANY, EFFORTS MIGHT BE MADE EITHER IN PRAGUE OR IN WASHINGTON TO ASSIST THE LIM FAMILY. WE NOTE FROM RECENT EMBASSY REPORTING THAT

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CSSR AUTHORITIES HAVE APPARENTLY PROSECUTED SOME SUP
PORTERS OF CHARTER 77, YET ALLOWED OTHERS TO EMIGRATE, WE
ARE WONDERING WHETHER THIS VARIEGATED APPROACH MIGHT ALSO
CHARACTERIZE MANNER IN WHICH AUTHORITIES ARE DEALING WITH
EMIGRATION BY SCIENTISTS SUCH AS LIM; IN THIS RESPECT,
SUCCESSFUL EMIGRATION OF NOTED CZECH PSYCHIATRIST JOSEPH
VANA IN 1974, WHO WE NOTE WAS MARRIED TO AMCIT, COMES TO
MIND.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF SUBSTANCE
OF ANY RECENT CONTACT BY LIM WITH EMBASSY. IF LIM HAS
NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY, CAN EMBOFF OR CONOFF
DETERMI CURRENT STATUS OF HIS APPLICATION BY CONTACTING
HIM? DEPARTMENT REALIZES POSSIBILITY THAT ATTEMPT TO
CONTACT LIM MIGHT COMPLICATE CASE. EMBASSY COMMENTS
ON THIS OR OTHER ASPECTS OF LIM'S DILEMMA WILL BE
APPRECIATED. VANCE

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